

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A sewing machine with a sewing needle drive and a forward feed drive for the garment, comprising a continuous rotational drive, a belt conveyor for the garment and an intermediate drive with two gearwheels disposed between the rotational drive and the belt conveyor, of which the gearwheel on the driven side can be twisted with overfeed or underfeed by means of a control lever driven by an eccentric drive depending on the sewing needle drive, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the two gearwheels are arranged as mutually combing gearwheels (11, 12), of which the one on the driven side is held in a fixed link (13) rotationally held about the axis of the gearwheel (11) on the drive side, on which the control lever (14) acts.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A sewing machine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the drive connection between the gearwheel (12) on the driven side and the belt

conveyor (7) comprises a belt drive (18) whose deflection rollers are held coaxially relative to the two gearwheels (11, 12).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A sewing machine according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the control lever (14) is arranged as a connecting rod of the eccentric drive (15) whose eccentric shaft (16) extends parallel to the drive shaft (5) of the sewing needle drive (4) and is connected with the same by means of a belt drive (17).